



**Faculty Senate Minutes April 2006**  
**April 11, 2006**  
**Room, A 2052 4:00 PM – 5:20 PM**

<b>Officers</b>	<b>Basic Science Senators</b>	<b>Clinical Science Senators</b>	<b>GSN Senators</b>
<b>P</b> Denes Agoston, President (APG)	<b>P</b> Dechang Chen (PMB)	<b>P</b> Steven Durning (MED)	<b>P</b> Mary Schroeder (GSN)
<b>A</b> Paul Hemmer, Past President (MED)	<b>P</b> Stephen Craig (MEM)	<b>A</b> William Gilliland (MED)	<b>P</b> Christine Kasper (GSN)
<b>P</b> Gerald Denton, President Elect (MED)	<b>P</b> Deborah Girasek (PMB)	<b>A</b> Jeffrey Jackson (MED)	<b>Non-Billeted Faculty Senators</b>
<b>P</b> Diane Padden, Secretary/Treas (GSN)	<b>P</b> David Grahame (BIO)	<b>A</b> Richard Schaefer (SURG)	<b>P</b> John Gilstad (MED)
	<b>P</b> Tonie Hooper (PMB)	<b>P</b> Jack Tsao (NEURO)	<b>P</b> Brian Cuneo (MED)
	<b>P</b> David Johanson (PMB)	<b>A</b> David Welling (SURG)	<b>A</b> Joseph Parker (MED)
	<b>P</b> Lisa Schwartz (APG)	<b>P</b> Teodor Brumeanu (MED)	<b>A</b> Jeffrey Becker (PEDS)
	<b>P</b> Marcy Grace (AFRRI)		<b>NOTE: P – PRESENT</b>
	<b>A</b> Neil Grunberg (MPS)		<b>A – ABSENT</b>

<b><u>Agenda Item</u></b>	<b><u>Issues for Discussion</u></b>	<b><u>Action (Voting Decisions)</u></b>
<b>I. Call to Order: 4:00 PM in A2052</b>		A quorum was noted. There were 18 of 26 voting Faculty Senate members present.
<b>II. University Space Committee</b>	Ajay Verma, the faculty representative of the University Space Committee addressed the senate regarding the purpose of this President's Advisory Committee. The committee consists of the following members: Dean of Medicine, Dean of Nursing, Head of AFFRI, Mr. Steve Rice, and Dr. Verma who has been named Chair. The committee is charged to review University	Denes Agoston will send email to all faculty senators asking them to rate administration function from most to least

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	<p>space in the following three areas: 1) Administration function, 2) Research space, and 3) Building E. With regard to Administration function they have been asked to review space currently occupied by REA, UIS, administration support, purchasing and contracting to determine if some of this function could be provided off campus to free up space on campus. Research space is to be reviewed in terms of efficiency, effectiveness, funding, use by non-USU entities, co-localization of research space, and AFFRI's research needs. Ground breaking for Bldg E is scheduled for late summer 2006 and occupancy by late 2007. Committee will review document on plans for occupancy and the backfill the space it will free up. Other space discussions included Bldg 53 and 59 on NNMC campus. Ajay represents the faculty voice on the committee and asked for input regarding those administration functions faculty senate thought could be moved off campus that would least impact mission. In addition, also asked to describe efficiency and effectiveness in terms of research.</p>	<p>in terms of needing to remain on campus.</p>
<b>III. Report from Dean's Meeting</b>	<p>Denes reported that President Rice announced there would be some reorganization of USU administration. An email from Dr. Rice came out earlier this week describing the reorganization and changes. This is being done to streamline the administration, by combining administrative positions (consolidating several VP positions) and by combining individual school functions into University functions (e.g., SOM and GSN independent registrars will become one University Registrar's office). Discussion of possible movement of administration function as previously discussed by space committee chair.</p> <p>Carol Johns Award will not be presented at graduation, will be given at the Faculty Assembly in mid June. Reminder of Packard Lecture next week. CAPT David Rutstein will speak on "Interagency Collaboration During Public Health Emergencies: A New Paradigm"</p>	
<b>IV. Nominations and Elections</b>	<p>Mary Schroeder reported that an email was sent for call for nominations, to fill 13 vacancies, 1 for President Elect, 1 for Secretary/Treasurer, 6 Basic Sciences and 4 Clinical Science and 1 Non-billeted faculty. She has had 4 self nominations for senator positions but none for Officer positions. Will ask those who have filled vacancies during the year to continue to serve and run for senate in this election. They will need to submit brief biography for</p>	

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	posting along with other candidates. A discussion on need for more participation, and getting the word out on upcoming elections. Senators were asked to go to the departmental meetings of the departments they represent and ask for nominations. It was noted that some faculty members, to include senators, are still not getting emails from the faculty assembly list serve. It is not certain how many faculty members are not on the list serve, a suggestion was made to put flyers with upcoming elections and contact information up in all buildings on campus to generate more interest and participation.	
<b>V. DoD Comparability Report</b>	Denes Agoston met with President Rice regarding the DoD comparability report. Dr. Rice has agreed the report, although not necessarily accurate, may be posted to the website. Denes also presented the senate with copies of the Dr. Rice's Forewords to the "President's Office Study" which is a response to the many questions he received regarding salaries at the Town Hall meeting last fall. It was determined that if the DoD comparability was to be posted on the website, it would be important to also post this forward to help explain the complexity of the salary structure and how the comparability report is obtained.	Dodd Denton made a motion that both the DoD Comparability slides and Dr. Rice's Foreword's be posted to the faculty senate website. Deborah Girasek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
<b>VI. Faculty Appreciation Award</b>	President of Faculty Senate proposed that Faculty Senate present annual award to individuals within the university for their support of faculty during the year. Senate agreed this was a good idea but needed to determine a process for nomination, criteria for award, how many awards would be given, and what the recipient would receive. A discussion was held regarding a cash award, and what the regulation states regarding limits of cash awards. The goal would be to present at the June Assembly.	Denes Agoston and Dodd Denton will draft criteria for the award and bring to May meeting for vote.
<b>VII. Committee Reports:</b>	<b>Research:</b> No Report. <b>Communication:</b> No Report. <b>Nominations and Elections:</b> See previous agenda item. <b>Education:</b> No report. <b>Welfare/Comparability:</b> See previous agenda item.	
<b>VIII. Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 5:20. Next meeting 11 May.	

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**Diane Padden  
Secretary/Treasurer**

**Approved/Disapproved:**

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**Denes Agoston  
President**